

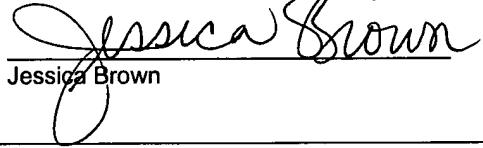


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

**Applicant:** Dave B. ADAIR et al.  
**Serial No.:** 10/036,966  
**Filed:** December 20, 2001  
**Title:** MOVE LOT SIZE BALANCING  
SYSTEM AND METHOD  
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**Group Art Unit:** 2121

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant brings the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the examiner's attention. 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. This reference may be material to examination of the above-identified application. Please do not construe the filing of this information disclosure statement as a representation that applicant has made a search (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), or as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. We enclose copies of the cited documents.

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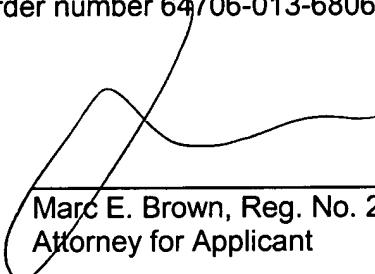
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